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Sir:

This is in Response to the Office Action mailed June 03, 2004 (Paper No. 052704), for which a response is due September 03, 2004. Applicants do not believe that a Petition for Extension of Time or fees are required. If not correct, applicants request such extension of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 08-1641.